

V. REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 USC 102 (e) as being anticipated by Loose et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,517,433). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Loose teaches a spinning reel slot machine that includes a plurality of mechanical rotatable reels and a video display. In response to a wager, the reels are rotated and stopped to randomly place symbols on the reels in visual association with a display area. The video display provides a video image superimposed upon the reels. The video image may be interactive with the reels and include such graphics as payout values, a pay table, pay lines, bonus game features, special effects, thematic scenery, and instructional information.

Claim 1, as amended, is directed to a gaming machine that includes a game result display device for displaying a result concerning with a game and a beneficial state generating device for generating a beneficial state for a player when a predetermined game result is displayed on the game result display device. Claim 1 recites that the game result display device includes a first display device and a second display device arranged in front of the first display device when seen from a front side of the gaming machine and that the second display device includes a first display area and a second display area. Further, claim 1 recites that a moving velocity of game information concerning with the game differs in a case that the game information is displayed on the first display area and in a case that the game information is displayed on the second display area when the game information is displayed so as to move between the first display area and the second display area.

It is respectfully submitted that the rejection is improper because the applied art fails to teach each and every element of claim 1, as amended. Specifically, it is respectfully submitted that the applied art fails to teach that a moving velocity of game information concerning with the game differs in a case that the game information is displayed on the first display area and in a case that the game

information is displayed on the second display area when the game information is displayed so as to move between the first display area and the second display area. In other words, the moving velocity of game information differs in a case that the game information is displayed on the first display area and in a case that the game information is displayed on the second display area, i.e., the original claim language "display mode" is replaced with "moving velocity". Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is allowable over the applied art.

Claim 2-6 depends from claim 1 and includes all of the features of claim 1. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claim is allowable at least for the reason claim 1 is allowable as well as for the features it recites.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Newly-added claims 7-12 also include features not shown in the applied art. Independent claim 12 includes the features of claim 1 and claim 3

Further, Applicants assert that there are also reasons other than those set forth above why the pending claims are patentable. Applicants hereby reserve the right to submit those other reasons and to argue for the patentability of claims not explicitly addressed herein in future papers.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper or if a Petition for Extension of Time is required for timely acceptance of the same,

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the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 for any such fees and Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extension of time.

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